

“Requires Lifetime Contract”

This set of questions is based on Steve’s sermon preached October 25.

1. Some of us spend more hours each week in our jobs than with our spouses. What differences do you see between these two types of commitment?

Read Exodus 21:2–6. Some have seen in this ear-piercing ceremony an image of the believer’s devotion to God (cf. Psalm 40:6–8 NIV). In what ways is this a fitting metaphor for our relationship to the Lord?

Discuss the differences between a volunteer, an hourly worker, a salaried worker, and a slave. Which best described your service to Christ five years ago? Which best describes your service to Christ today?

2. Which do you think is more difficult: willingly to suffer death for Christ, or to “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice” (Romans 12:1) through a lifetime of obedience?
3. Relate the fable of the tortoise and the hare to the disciple’s life. What practices and habits promote lifelong commitment to the Lord?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?